

## Letter from Philip Mauro to Alexander Graham Bell, October 27, 1903

LAW OFFICES CABLE ADDRESS: PHILIP MAURO. OF "MAURO—WASHINGTON." S. T. CAMERON. MAURO, CAMERON & LEWIS, "PHIMAURO—NEW YORK." REEVE LEWIS. (LIEBERS STANDARD CODE.) C. A. L. MASSIE. Patents and Patent Causes, TELEPHONE: WASHINGTON, EAST 874. 620 F STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C. NEW YORK, 3298 FRANKLIN. (277 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, 1903. Alexander Graham Bell, Esq., Novia Scotia. Dear Mr. Bell: "Tetrahedral" Case .

I am pleased to inform you that the Commissioner has sustained our position with reference to this application, and has decided that all of the claims can properly be made in one patent. We are now expecting shortly the Examiner's action upon the merits. In connection with the appeal to the Commissioner, he cited patent to Dummer, No. 690,102, of which I herewith send you a copy. This patent at first glance seems pertinent, particularly in connection with our broadest claim 4, which reads:

"As a structural element, a skeleton frame of tetrahedral form."

Upon analysis of the patent, however, it is evident that the device cannot be called a structural element, and really does not embody those characteristics of a tetrahedron which you utilize. The base has really no connection with the tripod except to support the latter, and might be circular or square, or of any other shape without effecting in the least its function as a floor or support. If the Examiner has nothing better than this to cite there will be nothing in my judgment to restrict in the least the scope of the invention.

I have here the models that were left at Ballauf's, and will hold them subject to your directions.

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Yoursvery truly, Enc. Dic.M-K. Philip Mauro